Since its inception, the Transvaginal Mesh Implants Oversight Group (TVMO) group has met 5 times in 2018, with the 6th meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2019. The final meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2019. Although the frequency of main meetings reduced this year, the work continues and good progress has been made.

**Patient Resource Subgroup (PRS)**

Overall the PRS have met 3 times since October 2018. During that time they:

- received training on the Discern tool methodology to evaluate the quality of written information leaflets
- provided feedback and comments to a subspecialist in Urogynaecology who is preparing a new resource for mesh complications
- conducted a quality assessment of 61 patient information resources that were produced by NHS Organisations and professional bodies on the treatment for stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and pelvic organ prolapse (POP), and
- identified 2 resources to be user-tested.

The project team conducted user-testing exercises throughout February and March 2019. Thirteen people agreed to participate in these interviews. Participants included 6 patients, 1 carer and 6 NHS staff members. Patients were recruited from Glasgow to Shetland and everywhere else in between.

Preparation has begun to publish and disseminate two reports; Quality Assurance of Patient Information Resources and the user-testing write-up paper. Both are expected to be disseminated in the summer 2019 with the next meeting expected in the Autumn.

**Top Tip!** Life-long education is needed for all on Pelvic Floor Exercises. ✓

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**Self-evaluation tool (SET)**

The SET was issued to NHS boards on 25 February 2019 with a return date of 5 April 2019. The SET will help obtain information on the use of transvaginal mesh implants at board level and other related quality of care information across NHSScotland.

A stakeholder subgroup was established and met for the first time on Friday 26 April 2019. The aim of the meeting was to analyse and discuss the SET returns in order to pick up the main themes.

A single report will be produced by the project team and circulated to all health boards. The report will be split into 3 regions, being West, South-East and North. The final report is expected in the autumn. The project team worked closely with the Accountable Officers to offer support and advice on completing the SET.

**Accountable Officers**

The Director of Evidence, TVMO Chair and the TVMO Programme Manager were invited to attend all Accountable Officers’ meetings. The meetings are arranged by the Scottish Government following the introduction of a Restricted Use Protocol with measures to ensure high vigilance scrutiny in September 2018. The main purpose is to discuss the next steps in the surgical management of women suffering from stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. The Short Life Working group on mesh complications met for the third time on Friday 14 June. They are looking to examine what additional steps could be taken to support women with mesh complications, including on the removal of mesh, where clinically appropriate.

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**Timeline**

- **Prepare reports for Self-evaluation tool**
  - TVMO Group 6th Meeting – 27 June
- **Publish Quality Assurance reports – July 2019**
- **PRS Subgroup – September 2019**
- **Publish final SET report – October 2019**
- **TVMO Group 7th Meeting – Dec 2019**

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**TVMO future meetings**

- Thursday 27 June 2019
- 14 December 2019